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Fire and Explosions Decimate Roseland Petroleum Plant

Smitty's Supply obliterated in two-day inferno

Tangi Times Report

Friday, August 22, 2025, was a quiet day in Tangipahoa Parish until about 12:50pm. Then, something shocking happened.

A massive explosion rocked the tiny town of Roseland as its largest business, Smitty's Supply, Inc., erupted into sky-high flames never before seen in the quaint community of approximately 800 residents.

Smitty's high profile with its towering tanks sits on the west side of Hwy 51, across from the railroad track, in a rural area otherwise dominated by ranch fences and dusty hay-baling equipment.

The company was founded in 1969 by Edgar Ray Smith Jr., who was soon joined by his wife George Ann.

The humble birth of the company saw "Mr. Ray" selling miscellaneous products from his van and using a small room in his house as a warehouse. He sold directly to various accounts such as garages, country stores, and auto parts stores. After being on the road for a short time, his customers started calling him "Smitty," which eventually became his company's name.

Photo by Air One Drones

Fast forward to 2025.

Smitty's Supply has four locations: Roseland, LA; Hammond, IN; Vicksburg, MS; and Jasper, TX. They have more than 450 employees and almost 23 million gallons of bulk storage capacity. The Roseland facility had 11 million gallons of storage with 8.7 million gallons of bulk storage tanks onsite.

The operative word now is "had." Much of this nostalgic story might have ended on Friday, August 22.

The bad

The initial explosion and ensuing fires were horrific. Flames reached, almost longingly, into the heavens. Thick, black smoke billowed far beyond them.

The devastation to the company, the community, and the environment was clear. This was an unprecedented tragedy, piloted by possibly the largest fire in Tangipahoa Parish's history.

The good

The multi-agency response performed like Swiss clockwork. Even most drills don't run so efficiently. Here's the timeline:

12:50pm (approximately) – initial explosion at Smitty's Supply.

See SMITTY'S on Page 4

Taming those Late-Summer Woes

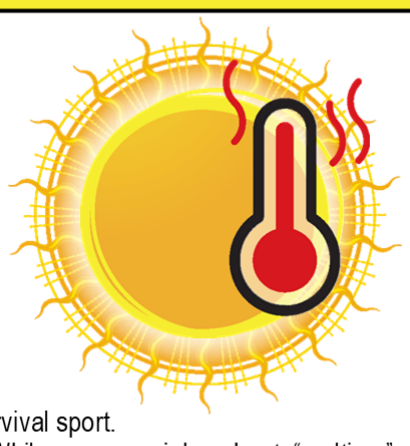
By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

The Dog Days of Summer run from July 3 to August 11 each year. The phrase originated from ancient skywatchers who noticed that the brightest star, Sirius (also known as the Dog Star), rose with the sun during this period. For centuries, this hot part of summer has carried both astronomical meaning and layers of folklore.

The term "Dog Days" is commonly used to describe the hottest, most sweltering weeks of the Northern Hemisphere summer. Ancient peoples viewed it as a time of drought, disease, or unrest.

But here is South Louisiana, we know that the end of the Dog Days aren't the end of the heat. We still have several weeks untouchable steering wheels and swampy seats.

When August in Louisiana rolls around, it feels less like summer and more like living inside a giant, damp oven. The humidity hugs you like an overenthusiastic aunt, and the heat makes even short walks to the mailbox feel like a



survival sport.

While we may joke about "melting," our bodies often take that phrase a little too literally — especially when it comes to our skin, hair, and overall health.

First, let's talk about dehydrated skin. It seems almost impossible to dry out when you're practically swimming through the air, yet late-summer humidity has a sneaky side effect.

Constant sweating strips away the skin's natural oils, leaving some folks with tight, flaky patches that feel more like January than July. The fix? Skip the harsh soaps and opt for a gentle cleanser, then follow up with a lightweight moisturizer that locks in hydration without feeling greasy.

And no, dabbing at your forehead with a napkin doesn't count as skincare.

Next up: the scalp. When it's hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk, sweat and oil build up faster than you can say "bad hair day."

The result is itchiness, irritation, or dandruff flakes that land on your favorite black shirt at the worst possible moment. A simple solution is swapping out heavy shampoos for a clarifying formula once or twice a week, and if you're tying your hair up constantly, remember to give your scalp some breathing room. Even scalps need a little fresh air.

And then there's the way the heat pokes at underlying health conditions. Migraines, rosacea, autoimmune flare-ups — many of these chronic issues don't play nicely with Louisiana's late-summer furnace.

Staying hydrated, finding shade, and pacing outdoor activities can help keep symptoms in check, but sometimes the best solution is

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Today is National Banana Split Day!

Get a banana split at Eddie's Frozen Custard in Hammond. They are donating half their profits today to Erma, a little girl with leukemia. See the details on Page 3.

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Friend: Dude, it's 4:00 in the morning!

Me: Can't sleep, huh? Is it because of the blanket?

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Back in My Day

By Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Back in my day, friendship wasn't just about swapping friendship bracelets or writing each other's names on Trapper Keepers. No sir, it was about survival. A true friend was the one who'd hold the flashlight while you tried to weld a go-kart together out of lawnmower parts and your uncle's broken recliner. And when it inevitably caught fire, that same friend was the one who swore to your mama that lightning struck the garage.

My best buddy Skeeter and I once decided to go frog gigging without any gigs, so we borrowed Miss Edna's broom handles and taped forks to the end. We didn't catch a single frog, but we did spear her clothesline and left her bloomers flapping in the wind like surrender flags.

Skeeter took the blame for that one. That's friendship.

And let me tell you about the time we "accidentally" lassoed the sheriff's car. We were practicing our rodeo skills on what we thought was an abandoned tractor, but the sheriff came rolling by right as Skeeter's rope looped over his antenna.

Sheriff's car fishtailed like a cat on linoleum, and Skeeter yelled, "Ride 'em, cowboy!" We ran so fast our shoes melted.

But the sheriff let us go — said he hadn't laughed that hard in years.

See, back in my day, your friends weren't just folks you hung out with. They were your partners in bad ideas, your co-pilots on half-baked schemes, and your alibis when the smoke cleared.

Nowadays, kids text each other memes, but when Skeeter and I wanted to share a laugh, we just lit the neighbor's outhouse on fire.

Accidentally. Mostly.

That's the thing about real friendship — it gets you into trouble, sure, but it also makes the best stories when you're old enough to know better but still young enough not to care.

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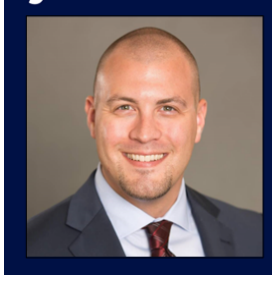

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Tangipahoa Parish Government Receives Greener Grounds Grant

From Team Tangi

Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB), a state program which works with local non-profits and governments to support local communities through programs and resources for litter prevention, education, removal, enforcement, recycling, waste reduction and sustainability initiatives, has chosen Tangipahoa Parish Government to receive a Greener Grounds Grant to support Tangipahoa Parish Fair's waste management practices.

Robby Miller announced that KLB has awarded the $7,322.00 grant to help elevate Tangipahoa Parish Fair's current waste reduction plan. "This grant award represents an active partnership with KLB that will help our event organizers uphold their responsibility to do the right thing for the environment while we give our attendees all the fun and festivities Tangipahoa Parish Fair offers," Miller said.

KLB Executive Director, Susan Russell explains that Greener Grounds is more than just a cleanup supplies grant, endeavoring to improve litter prevention and waste management practices at large, outdoor Louisiana events such as fairs, festivals, parades and concerts. KLB partnered with French Quarter Festivals, Inc. to create the Greener Grounds Guidebook and Workbook to provide practical ways that event organizers can plan to manage and reduce waste, increase recycling and prevent litter at their events.

The grant supports the implementation of the best practices outlined in the guidebook. "Louisiana is home to more than 400 festivals and events annually attended by locals and tourists who come together to celebrate the state's vibrant offerings of food, music, history, and culture.

With these events often comes a completely avoidable and solvable issue: litter. While we all love to laissez les bons temps rouler, we must ensure the waste inevitably created by outdoor events does not threaten our environment.

Keeping event sites clean not only enhances the attendees' experience, but also helps stop the detrimental cycle of mismanaged waste becoming litter that will clog storm drains or enter waterways - an issue that harms the state's coastline, wildlife and water quality."

Made possible with funding from the State of Louisiana and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor,

16 Greener Grounds Grants totaling over $105,300 were awarded to eligible organizations including Louisiana non-profits, municipalities and parishes that organize events of at least 1,000 attendees per day. Miller added, "Tangipahoa Parish Fair will use our grant to purchase essential litter control supplies and signage aimed at reducing waste and encouraging responsible disposal practices. These efforts will support a cleaner, greener environment during the Tangipahoa Parish Fair, taking place October 1–5 at the Tangipahoa Parish Fairgrounds, 12614 Arena Drive, Amite City, LA 70422."

Keep Louisiana Beautiful is a state program under the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism that promotes a personal, corporate, and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. KLB supports local communities through programs and resources for litter education, prevention, removal, enforcement, beautification, recycling, waste reduction, and sustainability initiatives.

KLB is affiliated with the national organization, Keep America Beautiful, and is supported by a robust statewide network of Community Affiliates and University Affiliates. Learn more at KeepLouisianaBeautiful.org.

TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Secretary of State Nancy Landry joins Registrars of Voters across the state the week of August 25-29, 2025 to promote Voter Registration Week activities aimed at registering Louisiana citizens to vote ahead of the October 11 election. The deadline to register to vote in person or by mail is Wednesday, September 10, and the deadline to register to vote through the GeauxVote Online Registration System is Saturday, September 20.

Eastern Oregon University named 611 students to the dean's list for the 2025 spring term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the term. Hammond resident Morgan Watkins, majoring in STM and Health Science, Biology, was included on the dean's list.

Southeastern Louisiana University officials have reported strong enrollment growth for the fall semester. Southeastern expects to see growth in many categories this fall, including new freshmen, undergraduate, graduate, transfer, international, and high school student dual enrollment.

Although the numbers are not yet finalized, officials are encouraged by the initial numbers indicating another strong semester of growth for the university. The surge in enrollment follows an historic spring semester that saw the strongest overall spring enrollment in the university's 100-year history.

"We are incredibly excited about our third straight year of enrollment growth in nearly all student categories and realizing our largest student body in over a decade," said Southeastern President William S. Wainwright. "This shows that Southeastern's commitment to excellence in the classroom with a caring student focus is resonating with more and more students. This is a great time to be a Lion."

More information, including final numbers, will be available after the 14th class day in September.

North Oaks Sports Medicine hosted its 2025 Coaches Seminar on July 31, bringing together 225 coaches from Tangipahoa and Livingston parishes for a day focused on sports nutrition, concussion protocols, performance training, and safety policies. Held at the E. Brent Dufreche Conference Center on the North Oaks Medical Center campus, the seminar featured a keynote by Southeastern Louisiana University softball coach Rick Fremin, who emphasized building team culture and the lasting impact of coaching. The event is part of North Oaks Sports Medicine's ongoing commitment to supporting student-athletes, coaches, and schools through services such as physical and concussion screenings, on-site care, and rehabilitation. For more information, visit www.northoaks.org.

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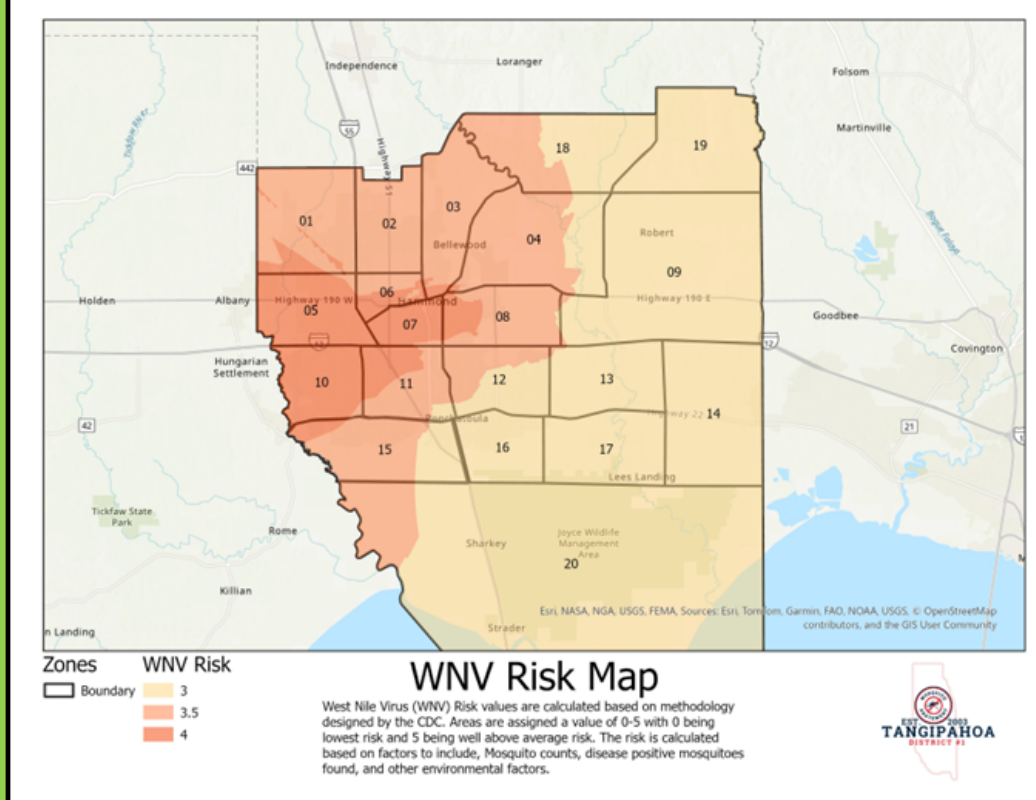
Of 1447 samples collected this year, 169 have tested positive for West Nile Virus.



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SMITTY'S

From Page 1

1:16pm– the Tangi Times received the first call about the incident, advising us that there was an explosion at Smitty's Supply, and it was on fire.

1:19pm – the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) established a safety perimeter and shut down the roads within one mile of the site.

1:46pm – The Tangipahoa Parish School System announced that buses were on the way to pick up all Roseland Elementary students and bring them to the school system's central office in Amite. Parents and authorized guardians were advised that all students were safe and could be picked up there.

Tangipahoa Parish Government immediately coordinated the emergency response with Smitty's Supply, the Town of Roseland, and the state.

Tangipahoa Fire Protection District 1 immediately dispatched units from Amite and requested assistance from parish departments as far away as Kentwood and Ponchatoula, as well as departments from Livingston and St. Tammany Parishes. The firefighting response was impressive.

Roseland Mayor Van Showers and Police Chief Andrew "Rabbit" Henderson issued an evacuation order for the town.

All these responses were executed within less than an hour of the initial incident – speed and diligence hardly precedented in cases of the like, proving that Tangipahoa Parish functions as an efficient machine, even in the most extremely challenging situations.

<u>The miraculous</u>

On an 80-acre site that was almost entirely consumed by flames, not only were there no fatalities, but there were even no injuries reported.

In a 10:00am update on Saturday, August 23, Parish President Robby Miller said, "There was a major tragedy – a terrible fire at Smitty's Supply yesterday, but I think the biggest thing that we can come away with is the blessing that there were no injuries. We thank the Lord that there's been no injuries since… in all of the response – a tremendous response… I want to reiterate – no injuries – not just no deaths – no injuries in this event."

In the brief, Miller admonished media groups who chose to sensationalize this high-profile tragedy by reporting premature, inaccurate, and unofficial information to the public. Many news stations also attempted to capitalize on the attention to this story by baselessly castigating the parish's response as sluggish and opaque.

The Tangi Times generally avoids editorial remarks; however, we have been very close to this incident and its response, and we will attest that every agency who has cooperated in this effort deserves not only credit and appreciation, but also effusive commendation for a job very well done. Our community is fortunate to have such dedicated and effective leadership.

Firefighting crews have been working around the clock since Friday afternoon. Foam trucks were sent from various locations to apply specialized suppressants necessary to extinguish this type of fire.

LDEQ and EPA teams are conducting air quality monitoring both within and outside this zone. As of press time, all air monitoring results have shown either non-detectable readings or levels well below health-based or actionable thresholds, as confirmed on Saturday by the Louisiana State Police (LSP).

In addition to air monitoring, LDEQ is currently collecting water samples from areas impacted by offsite soot deposition. These samples will be analyzed to determine any potential environmental impacts. Results are expected within the next 48 hours.

As of early Sunday morning, the fire at Smitty's was about 90% contained, but the evacuation order in the Town of Roseland was still in place. TPSO deputies continued to monitor the perimeter, and department patrols are active inside the exclusion zone to watch for looters and other criminals who shamefully take advantage of tragic situations. Some were arrested on Friday night.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) within a three-mile radius was issued via the FAA and remains in effect for all manned and unmanned flights.

Stay tuned to the Tangi Times for updates to this fluid story.

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LOCATION: Greenville Park Leadership Academy
Hammond, LA

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Notice Posted: August 22, 2025

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Please silence all cell phones
3. Roll Call
4. Prayer
5. Pledge of Allegiance (All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute)
6. Visitors
7. Public Comment
8. Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting dated August 13, 2025
9. Drainage Plans – Corbin's Cove – Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC – District 4
10. Spangler Engineering
    a. Award of W8 Improvements at Ponchatoula Cemetery [FY2025] Contract
    b. Project Updates
11. Maintenance Contract for Building Roof, Insulation and Window Repairs
12. Administrator's Report
    a. July Financial Report
13. Personnel
14. Legal Matters
15. Commissioners' Privileges
16. Adjourn

For: Joey Mayeaux
President
By: Stanan Capdeboscq
Secretary-Treasurer

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Stanan Capdeboscq at (985) 542-4292 or stanan@tangipahoadrainage.org, prior to 3 pm CST on the day preceding the scheduled meeting, describing the assistance that is necessary.

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St. Helena Parish Fire District #4
Board of Commissioners
Minutes August 4, 2025

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Meeting Room of the St. Helena Fire
District #4, located at Highway 37, Greensburg, LA on Monday, August 4, @ 6 p.m.
The invocation was led by Qunika Muse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call was taken by Secretary Katrena Higginbotham- with Sheila Kinchen, Carmen Overton, Dianne Washington, Brad Graves, and Katrena Higginbotham. Kitty Newell, and Ronald Carlin were absent.
Discussion was held with Roderick Matthews OAP director as a resolution was passed for the Policy Jury to serve as the interim administrator along with the Fire District Board.
A motion was made by Sheila Kinchen, seconded by Diane Washington to approve minutes from July 28,2025 with any, and all corrections 3 Yays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstained.
A motion was made by Sheila Kinchen, seconded by Diane Washington to approve the resignation letter from Eric Washington as president 3 Yays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstained.
A motion was made by Sheila Kinchen, seconded by Carmen Overton to adopt the resolution for the sale of the equipment. 3 Yays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstained
A motion was made by Sheila Kinchen, seconded by Diane Washington to add Carmen Overton to all business accounts. 3 Yays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstained
Next meeting date was set for August 25,2025@6:00pm
A motion was made by Carmen Overton, seconded by Sheila Kinchen to adjourn the meeting.
Katrena Higginbotham
Secretary/treasurer

Cost of notice:$ $21.50

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

St. Helena Fire District #4 Will be accepting bids for surplus equipment listed below. All equipment will be sold in "as is" condition with no expectations or warranties from the department.

1980 Ford L-900 fire truck, bearing VIN F90PVGJ5125, 750 gpm pump, 750 gallon tank. Truck does not run and will have to be trailered from location.

1992 GMC Ferrara Pumper, BEARING vin 1GDP7H1J8NJ502073, 1250 gpm pum, 1,000 gallon tank, truck runs and pumps great. Has all current pump tests. Minimum bid $20,000.00.

2010 Ford F-450 Medium rescue, bearing VIN 1FDAX5HR7AEB25240 4WD, punp&roll with 150 gpm pump and 300 gallon tank. 2 10 gallon foam tanks, newly replaced Foam-Pro system. Automatic transmission, 6.3L Diesel engin that does no crank over. Needs new engine. Minimum bid $20,000.00.

1982 Ford FMC Cab-over fire truck, bearing VIN 1FDYD80USCVA48945, 100 gpm pump, 1000 gallon tank, runs and pumps great, 3208 Cat with Allison transmission. Minimum bid $5,000.00
Burner CAFS, 65 gallon tank with 100 foot hose reel and foam nozzle. High pressure hoses and regulator, self-contained skid-load, 4'x6' diameter.

Rescue 42 TeleCrib Squad Kit, 2 jr struts, 2 long struts, 2 straps, spike foot, cinch ring spare pins and storage bag, TeleCrib strut jack. Purchased new in 2023. Minimum bid $5,000.00.

2007 American LaFrance Pumper, bearing VIN 4S7AU2C967056725, truck comes with a full complement of hose to include hose, nozzles, power tools, and various hand tools, with a minimum bid of $70,000.00

The bids should be closed and secure. Bids can be received at 8352 Highway 37, Greensburg LA. For specific details of item requirements, please contact Chief Graves at 225-610-9163 or via e-mail at sthelenafire4@yahoo.com. The bids will be opened at the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 25, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 8352 Highway 37, Greensburg LA. All bids should be received no later than August 25, 2025, at 4 p.m.
Publish: August 8,13,20 & 25
Cost of notice:$ $23.10

NOTICE OF SUCCESSION

21st Judicial District Court for the Parish of Tangipahoa State of Louisiana No. 20250030079 Div. "E" In Re: Succession of Donivan Jones Notice to Sell Immovable Property at Private Sale

Notice is Given that the administratrix of this succession has petitioned this Court for authority to sell immovable property belonging to the deceased and at private sale in accordance with the provisions of Article 3281 of the Code of Civil Procedure for two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the purchase agreement filed in the above-referenced succession. The immovable property proposed to be sold at private sale is described as follows:

42262 Yokum Road, Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454, being 1.96 acres comprised of Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 8 East, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

Notice is hereby given to all parties whom it may concern, including the heirs and creditors of the decedents herein, and of this estate, be ordered to make any

opposition which they have or may have to such application, at any time, prior to the issuance of the order or judgment authorizing, approving and homologating such application and that such order or judgment may be issued after the expiration of seven (7) days, from the date of the last publication of such notice, all in accordance with law. BY ORDER OF THIS COURT DEPUTY CLERK ATTORNEY: please contact Charles V. Cusimano, III, Attorney, 3015 19th Street, Metairie, Louisiana 70002, Phone (504) 525-1213.

Cost of notice:$ $113.88

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TANGI GUMBO

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Northshore Technical Community College will host its Information Technology Career Fair on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hammond Campus, 111 Pride Drive. The event will connect employers with NTCC students, alumni, and current IT professionals seeking career opportunities in the field. More information is available at www.ntcc.edu.

The 2025–2026 Mainstage Season launches this fall in the department's brand-new studio performance space with four dynamic productions:

Katrina's Path by Rob Florence (Oct. 22–25) — Moving, real-life monologues from New Orleanians who lived through Hurricane Katrina and the levee failures. Playwright in attendance for post-show talkback.

Winds of Change: An Evening of Modern Drama (Nov. 19–22) — Curated by Chad Winters, featuring groundbreaking works from Ibsen to Tennessee Williams.

Little Shop of Horrors (Mar. 13–14, 20–21) — Darkly comic rock musical staged at the Columbia Theatre.

The Appliance Department by Bella Poynton (Apr. 29–May 2) — Winner of the 2025 Inkslinger Playwriting Contest, exploring love, freedom, and empathy through the eyes of robotic companions.

All SLU students enjoy free admission with a valid student ID. Seating in the new studio space will be limited.

Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said Phase 2025 overlay work for next week will focus on soil cement operations and shoulder dressing work.

During the week of August 25, crews are scheduled to work in the following areas:

Shoulder Dressing: South Lewiston, Lark, West Black Cat, Mandella, Perry, and West Martin Luther King;

Soil Cement: Baytown Hills, Company Town, Brown Road (Village of Tangipahoa), and Johnson Holton Road.

All work is weather-permitting, and motorists can expect intermittent delays in construction zones.

For updates on road work in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

SUMMER

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simply listening to your body and retreating to the nearest air-conditioned refuge.

So, while we may not be able to control the weather, we can fight back against its less-than-glamorous side effects. Think of it as a summer survival toolkit: moisturizer, clarifying shampoo, plenty of water, and permission to say "I'll be inside, thanks" when the thermometer looks menacing.

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August in the Garden: Sweat Now, Harvest Later

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

Right now in South Louisiana, fall gardening feels a little like putting on a sweater in the middle of a heat wave — technically premature, but you know the season is coming eventually. While the rest of the country is starting to sip pumpkin spice and talk about crisp mornings, we're still swatting mosquitoes and wondering if our car seats will ever cool down.

But here's the thing: August is actually the perfect time to start prepping your garden for the "cool" season ahead, even if cool doesn't arrive until late November.

Think of it as a head start. Begin by clearing out your summer survivors — those tomato plants that look more like dried tumbleweeds, the pepper plants that have been chewed by caterpillars, and any weeds that decided to throw a block party in your flower beds. Give your soil a little pampering by mixing in compost or organic fertilizer, because after a long summer, it's probably running on fumes.

As for planting right now, you're in that sweet in-between season. Certain crops, like okra, eggplant, and hot peppers, can still be planted or kept going while it's hot — they thrive in the lingering summer sun. You can also direct-sow seeds for quick growers like bush beans or squash to enjoy before the real chill sets in.

Toward the end of the month, you can start planting transplants for heat-tolerant greens like Swiss chard and Malabar spinach, which will bridge the gap until it's cool enough for more delicate leafy crops.

By September, you can begin seeding your true fall stars — broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, kale, and collards — so they're well-established by the time our version of sweater weather finally drifts in. The key is remembering that here, fall gardening is less about bracing for frost and more about playing the long game.

Prep now, plant smart, and when November finally brings that hint of crisp air, you'll have a garden that's ready to thrive.

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Horoscopes

4th week of August

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
You are likely to experience a week full of thoughtfulness and introspection, Aries. You are searching for a new source for self-fulfillment, and may be inspired by another's ideas.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, now is the time to identify your priorities. Figure out what you want or would prefer to do before you start taking any steps forward. This is the only way to get satisfaction.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Prepare for a week that will pose some challenges, Gemini. A last-minute project at work may test your mettle.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
The plan may have been to stay isolated until you get all of your tasks done, Cancer. But those closest to you have some other ideas; they might invade your quiet cocoon.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, there's more than one way to approach a project. Remain receptive to new ideas and take time to think things through before choosing a path forward.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, your independent streak may need to be tempered in the days ahead. Teamwork is the name of the game so make a concerted effort to be a good team player.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Right now you might not feel you are in the correct place in your profession, Libra. Is your current role too restrictive or does it not challenge your skills? You might want to start looking around for new challenges.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, now is a great time to take the bull by the horns. An opportunity to be assertive and take on a leadership role presents itself this week. You're ready.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you may be taking stock of your professional life and goals. Be sure you plan accordingly to balance the work side with your personal needs.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Something unusual may happen to you this week, Capricorn. Be ready for the unexpected. This also is a good time to tie up some loose ends that you have been overlooking.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
There is nothing to stop you from asking for help from time to time, Aquarius. While you certainly enjoy the satisfaction of getting things done, assistance is necessary from time to time.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Hard work is starting to pay notable dividends, Pisces. Enjoy the fruits of your labors, but remember to keep your nose to the grindstone.

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Canada Geese are Just Misunderstood

For these amazing birds, peace is never an option. Canada geese have a reputation of usually choosing violence over every other option, and asking questions later.

They're known for attacking golfers on golf courses, knocking grown men over, honking, hissing, and giving chase with their wings fully spread to make them look as scary and menacing as possible. It always works!

I've seen my share of funny videos of their shenanigans and grown adults running away screaming at the top of their lungs. They may look menacing when protecting their nest, or their precious goslings, but they're otherwise pretty docile.

Many people call them Canadian geese instead of their correct name, Canada Geese. Canadian geese would be born and reside only in Canada, and these birds aren't restricted to just Canada, are native to North America, and have been seen in other parts of the world like Europe and parts of Asia.

They can weigh up to 15lbs., have a wingspan of up to five feet, and both sexes have similar markings; however, males, called "ganders", are slightly larger than females.

Here in Louisiana, we have huge flocks that choose to live in our parks, on lakes, and at various wooded campgrounds year-round, but they also migrate from colder climates, which is a sight to see in itself! Seeing and hearing a flock of them flying above in a V formation is incredible. Each bird will take turns leading then falling back when they get tired, which allows them to fly for a longer time periods before they feel the need to stop and rest.

The V formation makes it easier to keep track of every individual in the flock. Flying in this formation also helps each member communicate with each other effectively.

Canada geese mate for life, and are incredibly attentive parents, sometimes even adopting goslings from other parents. Due to loss of habitat, they've adapted to living in any environment; nests have been found in parking lots at malls or even on people's rooftops.

Sometimes, a female who has no goslings of her own, due to having all her babies killed by predators or her nest destroyed, may try to steal eggs from other nests, and some have even been observed gathering rocks, then trying to incubate and hatch them. Their drive to have their own little families is so strong, when they do have a nest with eggs or goslings they are trying to protect, they will attack with the fierceness of a mother bear!

As a wildlife rehabber, I've seen a very large number of these birds being abused and tormented by humans for the simple reason of existing, doing their very best to survive, and to raise their little families.

A few months ago, I received a call from a tourist attending a festival at a park in New Orleans. She went on to describe how several children from a local school were at the park with their marching band, and she witnessed them throwing bricks from a bridge at a Canada Goose couple sitting on their eggs. The entire nest was destroyed, and mama goose was injured.

As humans, we are the custodians of this amazing planet and all the beautiful animals. We need to love and protect them and teach our children to respect all life.

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